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TAGS: EEWT, TFOR, CVIS, RO (RAUTA ECATERINA)

SUBJECT: P CASES OF ECATERINA RAUTA & CHILD

TVREF: STATE 091709

1. AS FOLLO-UP TO REFTEL AND TO UNANSWERED REGISTERED LETTER OF INVITATION SENT MARCH 31, CONSOFF MADE UN-ANNOUNCED VISIT AT MRS. RAUTA'S HOME ON APRIL 20. SHE WAS OUT BUT CAME TO THE EMBASSY ON FOLLOWING DAY.

2. DURING INTERVIEW MRS. RAUTA CONFIRMED INFORMATION IN REFTEL AND INDICATED THAT SHE WAS TWICE WARNED AGAINST VISITING EMBASSY BY SECREEI POLICE AT HER HYACE OF WORK. (SHE HAS WORKED AS A FINANCIAL INSPECTOR AT THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL BANK SINNJ JANUARY 6.)

3. CONSOFF TOLD MRS. RAUTA WE WERE CONCERNED THAT SHE HAD BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO EMBASSY AFTER WE HAD RECEIVED OFFICIAL ASSURANCES THAT THIS WOULD NOT HAPPEN. HE ADVISED HER SHE SHOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH EMBASSY AND ASKED HER TO RETKJN FOR ANOTHER INTERVIEW ON MAY 10. HE LIKewise SUGGESTED THAT SHE TELL SECRET POLICE ONXUER DZDNTENTIONS BEFORENXAKINLL HER NEXT VISIT TO AVOID POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH THEM, AND ASSURED HER THAT IF SHE WERE UN-ABLE TO RETURN TO EMBASSY AT THE APPOINTED TIME HE WOULD VISIT HER AT HOME.

4. MRS. RAUTA ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY FORWARD A
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LETTER TO HER HUSBAND SINCE SHE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY COR-

RESPONDING WITH HIM THROUGH THE OPEN MAIL. CONSOFF AGREED
TO SEND ONE LETTER FOR HER WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO MR.
CDUTA VIA P
RCH.

TVE COMMENT. DCM PLANNING TO REFER TO CONSUGJS CALL AT
RAUTA RESIDENCE AND MRS. RAUTA'S VISIT TO EMBASSY AT NEXT
MEETING WITH MFA COUNSELLOR MITRAN. WILL RE-AFFIRM OUR
UNDER-STANDING DEP MIN PACOSTE'S ASSURANCE TO CHARGE ON
NOV. 24, 1975, THAT ROMANIA INTENDS TO MEET IN FULL ITS
OBLIGATIONS UNDER CONSULAR CONVENTION AND THAT WE CON-
SIDER CONSUL'S UNFETTERED ACCESS TO MRS. RAUTA TO BE
FUNDAMENTAL TO THIS OBLIGATION.
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